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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Kenneth G. Schopfer

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For: **SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE THERMAL BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE THERMAL CONTROL AND SURGICAL ACCESS**

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, the applicant requests amendment of the application as indicated below. All pending claims are listed for the Examiner's convenience.